

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

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Which meeting did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-295-001

I-295-002

*if energy consumption is decreasing why is this needed?*  
*I think if they need more electricity out East they should produce it their rather than lines running across our farm land.*  
*Holden township is a strong and proud agriculture community and I would like to see it stay that way for future generations.*

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### I-295-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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### I-295-002

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-295-001.

**I-295-003**

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Section 19 Holden Township

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I think in Holden township we have  
a good balance of wildlife and agriculture  
and I feel this would upset this  
balance

I don't think running power lines down  
the middle of the sections in a good  
idea. there are already power lines running  
down Hwy 52 I think that's where  
they should be run. if there is a need  
for the power lines. - although I feel this  
is not needed.

I-295-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-295-004

I feel the power companies are trying to slip these lines in without letting the general public knowing about it.

I-295-006

I-295-005

are there any health hazards?  
are we going to have stray voltage problems?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Tim Karl  
Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: 238 430th St.  
City: Neerstrand State: MN Zip Code: 55053  
Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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I-295-004

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I-295-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to stray voltage will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-295-006

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Impact to Raising Crops

BURDEN TO AGRICULTURAL USES  
EVEN THOUGH A.G. DIDN'T CREATE NEED  
FOR THIS LINE

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### I-296-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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### I-296-002

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I-296-001

I-296-002

**I-296-003**

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NORTH OF HENYON, MN ON STATE HWY 56  
AT COUNTY ROAD 30 INTERSECTION. -  
DIFFICULTY IT WOULD CREATE FOR  
FARMING OPERATION.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

AGRICULTURE - THIS IS ONLY USE MY  
PROPERTY HAS AND POWER LINE WOULD  
BE A HINDRANCE

I-296-003

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I am very much in favor of using the I-90 corridor for this transmission line. The route going just south of Mazeppa crosses many wild life sanctuaries where I have personally spent much time watching eagles & hawks soar, foxes play, badgers attack, and deer browse. It has been a sanctuary for me as well as the animals.

I-297-001

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Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Colleen Stacey

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: Zumbro Falls State: MN Zip Code: 55991

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**Cummings, Matt**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2009 10:38 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss; Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Hampton - Rochester - La Crosse 345kV Transmission System Improvement Project

FYI

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**From:** wlystrom@ups.com [mailto:wlystrom@ups.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2009 4:24 PM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Hampton - Rochester - La Crosse 345kV Transmission System Improvement Project

Stephanie,  
Thanks,  
Wayne

**Wayne Lystrom**  
UPS - IE  
Lakes Package Planner  
Mpls 612-617-2807

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [mailto:Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2009 1:03 PM  
**To:** Lystrom Wayne (APP1WLL)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Hampton - Rochester - La Crosse 345kV Transmission System Improvement Project

Wayne,  
Thank you for contacting me with your questions. The comment period is closed, however we are still preparing the Scoping Report and comments received in the next couple of weeks will still be considered.

Once your comments have been processed, you will receive confirmation and see the summary of your comments to ensure it is correct.

Sincerely,

Stephanie A. Strength

Environmental Protection Specialist/RD

1400 Independence Ave. SW Room # 2244

Washington, DC 20250-1571

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**From:** wlystrom@ups.com [mailto:wlystrom@ups.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2009 9:50 AM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** Proposed Hampton - Rochester - La Crosse 345kV Transmission System Improvement Project

Stephanie,  
We meet in Wanamingo, MN at the community building. My wife and I had the property at 46728 135th Ave. One of the two proposed line were running along our back property line. My wife wrote on the maps but I didn't I was concerned who would see it. I asked for a large map be sent to me and THANKS you for that. I received that and wanted to document two additional things why I think the proposed line should go straight east until it meets up with the other proposed line and then continue south. We have Bees on the back side of our property and a small hay shed on the back of our property.

If I didn't explain my requested change well enough please call me at 952-994-2466.

Thanks  
Wayne Lystrom  
Cell 952-994-2466  
Home 952-431-9913

## I-298-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2009 10:35 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss; Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: Capx2020 routes

FYI

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**From:** Suther, Thomas W. (Tom) [mailto:Suther.Thomas@mayo.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2009 4:41 PM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** Capx2020 routes

Ms Strength,

**I-299-001** | I just found out that during the public reviews the CAPx folks changed the route of the power line and put it on my land. The public comment time has been closed and they did not bother to contact me for comment.

This action is not really good business or fair.

**I-299-002** | I propose that these folks use the existing corridors where land has already been taken from people and then you do not have to ruin what others have built and worked on for years.

**I-299-003** | I am very concerned that these folks have done it this way to eliminate any comment. I ask that you stop this and require the current corridors to be used.

Tom Suther

Opinions are my own.

**Tom Suther** | Department of Information technology | Planning and Technology Services Division | Phone: 507-266-7865 | Admin Asst: phone 284-1422 | [Suther.Thomas@mayo.edu](mailto:Suther.Thomas@mayo.edu)

**Mayo Clinic** | 200 First Street S.W. | Rochester, MN 55905 | [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)

**I-299-001**

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